Centralization of the issue of passports.

* 107 Q.—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government of India have decided to centralize the issue of passports; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to provide alternative employment to the temporary clerks now employed for that work who have put in three years of service?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative. India-Pakistan passports are not included in this proposal.

" (b) The answer is in the negative."

Number of cars and the cost at which they were purchased for the use of Ministers of the previous Ministry.

* 108 Q.—Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cars and the cost at which they were purchased for the use of the Ministers of the previous Ministry headed by Sri C. Rajagopalachari; and

(b) how many of those cars are in use by the Ministers of the New Cabinet?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Nine cars at a cost of Rs. 1,50,534.

" (b) Six cars."

Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" May I know whether any car has been sold? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Procedure to be followed by members of the Legislature to visit the State Institutions.

* 109 Q.—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the procedure to be followed by members of the Legislature to visit the State Institutions and the facilities to be afforded to them to study their working, and whether the impressions of their visits are to be communicated to the Hon. Minister concerned?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No rules prescribing the procedure to be followed by the members of the Legislature desiring to visit State Institutions and to study their working have been issued by Government. If, however, a member of the Legislature intimates his intention to visit any State institution and study the working of it his request will be considered by the head of the institution concerned."